New Sugar Policy

1870. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the decision taken regarding new Sugar policy;

(b) the number of new licences to be given in the Eighth Five Year Plan Period;

(c) what would be its proportion in Private Sector and Cooperative Sector; and

(d) the number of licences likely to be given in the cooperative sector in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (d) Licensing Policy for Sugar Industry is presently being reviewed by the Government. As such, the details asked for in parts (b), (c) & (d) are not available at this stage.

Laying of new railway lines during 8th Five Year Plan

1871. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proopsals to lay the new railway lines during Eigth Five Year Plan period;

(b) what are the demands for new railway lines from Maharashtra particularly from Marathwada and Vidarbha regions; and

(c) by when the conversion projects from MG to BG are to be completed for Marathwada region of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) A statement is attached.

Statement

Regarding laying of New Railway Lines during 8th Five Year Plan

(a) The 8th Five Year Plan has not been finalised yet.

(b) The demands for new lines from Maharashtra particularly from Mahathwada and Vidarbha regions are as under:

(i) Khamgaon-Jalna.

(ii) Narkher-Amravati.

(iii) Ahmednagar-Bir-Parli Vaijnath.

(iv) Bokhar-Darwaha Motibagh.

(v) Katol-Wardha.

(c) Conversion of Manmad-Aurangabad (114 kms) from MG to BG Phase-I is likely to be completed during the current year. Work on Phase-II viz. conversion of Parbhani-Parli Vaijnath MG to BG and conversion of Parbhani-Purna, Mudkhed-Adilabad MG to BG and parallel BG line between Purna and Mudkhed has been taken up. Work on Phase III viz. Aurangabad-Parbhani would be taken up after the work on phase II has sufficiently progressed. Completion of conversion project in Marathwada region would depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Conversion of MG line into BG line in Gujarat

1872. SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received proposals from Gujarat Government for conversion of meter gauge lines into broad gauge section;